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REPUBLIC OF KOREA IN PRESS CONFERENCE

REF: A. PRAGUE 0565 (NOTAL) B. BUCHAREST 1215 (NOTAL)

1. NEUES DEUTSCHLAND (ND) AND BERLINER ZEITUNG (BZ)

CARRIED ON PAGE 2 OF THEIR MARCH 11 EDITIONS A REPORT
OF A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD MARCH 10 IN BERLIN BY THE
CHARGE' OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA, DZONG GJENG
TSCHOL. ACCORDING TO THESE REPORTS THE PURPOSE OF THE
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PRESS CONFERENCE WAS TO "DEMAND THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL

AMERICAN FORCES FROM SOUTH KOREA, THE FREEING OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND THE ENDING OF THE CONTINUAL REIGN OF TERROR OF THE PAK-TSCHONG-HI REGIME". DOCUMENTS EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER THE TENSE SITUATION IN KOREA WERE REFERRED TO DURING THE PRESS CONFERENCE AND INCLUDED A PAPER FROM THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE NORTH KOREAN PARLIAMENT ADDRESSED TO THE PARLIAMENTS AND GOVERNMENTS OF THE WORLD AS WELL AS A DECLARATION OF THE NORTH KOREAN FOREIGN MINISTRY. BOTH OF THESE DOCUMENTS REPORTEDLY DRAW ATTENTION TO THE "VIOLATION OF THE ARMISTICE IN KOREA BY THE U.S. THROUGH "A RELATIVE INCREASE IN THE STRENGTH OF AMERICAN FORCES IN SOUTH KOREA, THE STATIONING OF F-111S, AND THE STORAGE OF A LARGE NUMBER OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION INCLUDING ATOMIC WEAPONS". THE NORTH KOREAN CHARGE DREW A CONNECTION BETWEEN THESE ALLEGED AMERICAN ACTIONS IN SOUTH KOREA AND THE "MORE INTENSIVE-ANTI-COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AND THE BRUTAL PERSECUTION OF OPPOSITION FORCES" IN SOUTH KOREA. HE ALSO REPORTED UPON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE "ANTI-FASCIST AND ANTI-DICTATORSHIP MOVEMENT IN SOUTH KOREA" AND EXPRESSED THE CONVICTION THAT THIS MOVEMENT WILL NOT BE STOPPED BY ANY REIGN OF TERROR OF THE PAK REGIME.

2. COMMENT: THE NORTH KOREAN CHARGE'S PRESS CONFERENCE IN BERLIN CONTAINED CHARGES SIMILAR TO, BUT NOT IDENTICAL WITH, THOSE REPORTED FROM PRAGUE (REF.A). THERE WAS, FOR EXAMPLE, REFERENCE TO THE STATIONING OF F-111S AND TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS STORAGE BY THE U.S. IN SOUTH KOREA IN BOTH REPORTS BUT THE BERLIN REPORT HAS NO MENTION OF THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE. NORTH KOREAN SUCCESS IN OBTAINING FORA FOR ITS PROPAGANDA IN PRAGUE AND BERLIN SUGGESTS THERE MAY BE ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN SIMILAR FORA IN THE OTHER CAPITALS OF EASTERN EUROPE. THE SPACING OF THE PRAGUE AND BERLIN PRESS CONFERENCES, SEVERAL DAYS APART ALSO SUGGESTS THAT A PRESS CONFERENCE, SIMILAR TO THOSE IN PRAGUE AND BERLIN, MAY PERHAPS BE PLANNED IN ANOTHER EAST EUROPEAN CAPITAL IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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